

No pain, no gain



Owen Davis of the Seneca Braves, lays on the ice during the second period after being checked into the boards by one of the Condors during the first game of finals March 15. Davis was placed on a stretcher and taken to Cambridge Memorial Hospital. For game details, see page 12.

(Photo by Bill Murphy)

This week in the news

Walk Safe program is on its way

The Doon Student Association Walk Safe program set to start March 25 plans to provide staff and students with a safe means of transit.

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Graduates in the workforce

The report for last year's graduates indicates that 90 per cent of graduates found employment and 69 per cent found it in an area related to their course of study.

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Condors choke

The Condors lost their chance at a medal when they lost to the Seneca Braves and the Sir Sanford Fleming Knights in the OCAA finals.

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Bad timing Uncertainty surrounds K-W area day of protest

By Perry Hagerman

The day of protest called for by the Ontario Federation of Labor (OFL) for April 19, has left Conestoga union leaders and management scrambling to develop their response strategies.

The K-W and Cambridge area will be the location of the protest, and according to some of those involved, there couldn't be a worse choice of days.

John Berry, the local president of the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union (OPSEU), representing faculty at Conestoga, said in an interview that the date puts the faculty in a difficult position.

"That is a critical week for students so it is going to create a problem. The timing couldn't be worse." Because of the importance of the date, he said it would be very difficult for the faculty to participate in the protest.

The president of the union representing the support staff, Ann Wallace, said she will be discussing with her membership the possible strategies that they want to use to mark the day of protest.

"There will be a show of support," she said. How they respond will be decided within the next two weeks. The only option which is not possible is a one-day walkout.

"That would be an illegal strike by support staff," she said. But there are ways to be absent from work that day with the support of the college's management.

Wallace said when London was chosen as the first location for a day of protest, the management at Fanshawe College gave their staff permission to take an unpaid holiday for that day.

As a result, 90 per cent of the college's staff took the day off and shut down the campus. It occurred during their winter exams which were rescheduled.

The director of Conestoga's student services and human resources, John MacKen-

zie, said the day of protest puts him in a difficult position because of the two areas for which he is responsible. As director of human resources, the management's agreement with staff for taking a day off without pay would come through his office. "The one decision we have made is we will be meeting with the college's union leaders. We wouldn't act unilaterally on this decision," he said.

And as director of student services, he said that April 19 was an important day for students. "People who put in the time and effort for an entire school year shouldn't have that effort jeopardized or become victimized by something that they have no part of," said MacKenzie.

The timing of the protest is awkward in another way. The yearly OPSEU convention is scheduled for Toronto from April 18 - 20. All local presidents and some delegates from each local will be meeting to discuss the business of the upcoming year.

Berry said it is unknown whether or not the conference will decide to send its participants to the area to show support for the strike. As far as he knew, he would be in Toronto on the day of protest.

A communication officer with OPSEU headquarters in Toronto, Katie Fitzrandolph, said the timing of the protest was unfortunate from OPSEU's standpoint because of the conference. But, she said there was always going to be a conflict with some unions' schedules.

"The leaders of the larger unions met with the Ontario Federation of Labor to decide on the April 19 protest date," she said.

"Leah Casselman, the head of OPSEU, was at the heads-of-unions meeting with the OFL's executive board when they made that decision," said Duncan McDonald, a communication officer for the OFL. "Her feeling was that OPSEU, with its 100,000 plus members, would have a good showing in Kitchener."

College council members concerned about cutbacks

By Paul Tuns

Conestoga president John Tibbits responded to questions about alternative delivery and the recently announced cutbacks during the college council meeting March 11.

Several members of the council, especially representatives of student services, the DSA and various faculties, had numerous concerns about upcoming changes.

John Scott, representing the school of business, asked what the college will do if the changes don't work.

Tibbits said he would have to look at other options but he expects it to work. "I expect the performance indicators to be positive. The (scholarly) research suggests it can be done, that it is in fact better than others. If it doesn't work, we'll have to look at something else."

The move to alternative deliveries in education, Tibbits said, is not a reaction to provincial cuts. There were 20 programs in the development stage to move to alternative deliveries before the cuts were announced. "We just didn't think we'd have to do it this soon."

Tibbits said alternative delivery will allow the college to change to fit the vision of what it wants to be five or 10 years down the road. "If we get in the high end of education, offer sophisticated methods, we'll blow away the competition. But if we stay in the mode of teacher standing in front of the class lecturing, we'll be left behind."

Joan Magazine, representing academic support, said there is a greater chance of students falling behind or even out of school. She said many students learn from listening in class, not reading texts.

Magazine said the college should prepare to

put into place the proper supports, which she concedes will cost money. "Without supports, we may lose more students than we might want to."

Tibbits said the issue of supports is being considered. He also said text material will not be the only alternative method used. This is not a computer solution," he said. "There are audio, visual, computer and text methods that will all be utilized."

There were questions raised about the possible reduction of teaching hours (or pay), possible reductions in the number of instructors, and staff morale.

Mark Bramer, of the woodworking program, said alternative delivery in Holland has not decreased the work hours of teachers nor the teachers' morale. "The job satisfaction has increased and teachers' workload is different. It has been a great success."

Tibbits said the multi-media programs used by woodworking departments in Holland provide learning options that might not otherwise be available.

John MacKenzie, director of student development and human resources, said some colleges have eliminated programs, so now the idea of alternative delivery there, it would be impossible to raise at all, even five years from now.

"What we have going for us is a great deal of good-will with the staff."

Tibbits said he thinks Conestoga will come out better with the new deliveries. Students could have more options including learning in the evening or on weekends.

"This is not just a hope. I think we can really succeed. This fits with the college's vision to become smaller and smarter. We are going to be on top of the pack in five and ten years with the changes we're making," added Tibbits.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Walk Safe program set to begin March 25

By Johanna Neufeld

The Walk Safe program put on by the Doon Student Association (DSA) is scheduled to start March 25. This pilot project will continue until April 25, said April-Dawn Blackwell, DSA vice-president of student affairs.

Teams of one male and one female volunteer will walk staff and students to their cars from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

By March 13, nine people had signed up for the project but Blackwell said they need 20 individuals to run the program. Applications are still being accepted and advertisements are displayed in the law and security wing, cafeteria and throughout the school.

Students are instructed to walk a person to their car and then report back to their headquarters or station in front of security on the second floor.

Volunteers must also report to

their co-ordinator at the beginning of their shift. The co-ordinator will stay at the station throughout the shift, but Blackwell said no one had yet been chosen for the position.

If people on campus want the service, they must walk to the station. There is no telephone number to call, as Blackwell said the DSA wanted to see if demand was high enough to warrant the expense of a telephone number. A review of the Walk Safe project is planned for after April, to see if it will be continued in the fall of 1996.

Training sessions for the students are planned for the third week of March, she said, and they're given a choice of three different times, so volunteers can pick a session that suits their timetable. They will be given a handbook to read and then asked to sign contracts with the DSA, saying they will report anything suspicious to security.

When asked if volunteers have to go through a background check, Blackwell said they are just re-

quested to state any criminal charges on their application. Asked if the students would receive first-aid training, she said the volunteers are not there to intervene in emergencies, but to report to security for assistance. With more people around, Blackwell said they hoped it would be a deterrent.

Volunteers will be equipped with a neon vest with Walk Safe on it, a flashlight, a clipboard for their log-books, rain gear and radios to call security. Funds for the equipment came from the Campus Safety for Women Grant given by the Ministry of Education and Training. The grant is about \$26,000.

Blackwell said the DSA started last November looking over information about Walk Safe programs at Mohawk and Fanshawe colleges and the University of Waterloo. It took time to sort through everything and to decide, but the DSA wanted to do this and they just had to determine the best way possible, she said.

Sunny treatment



Sixth-semester nursing student Catherine Everson wears a visor used as an alternative to medication to treat people with depression. The visor simulates sunlight. (Photo by Linda Yovanovitch)

Vandalism and break-ins force closure of lounge DSA shuts Sanctuary at 5 p.m.

By Patrick Moore

The Sanctuary will be closed after classes on weekdays and during weekends, following another break-in says the president of the DSA.

Dawn Mittelholtz said the change machine in the Sanctuary was pried open with a crowbar on Friday, March 8.

Fortunately, they didn't get much money. Thieves stole about \$25, she said.

A representative of Chonar, the company that supplies all machines in the Sanctuary, estimated damage at about \$2,500. He said the machine must be taken to Montreal for

repairs and will be out of service for at least a week.

The representative said this was the second attempted break-in of the machines. He said the last attempt cost \$500 to repair.

"You have to put yourself in my shoes," he said. "I can't have people wrecking my machines every weekend."

The representative said video games and the juke box in the Sanctuary are worth over \$10,000.

Jack Fletcher, chair of student services, asked if it was possible to keep the change machine low on money and less of a target for thieves.

"That's almost impossible," said

Irene da Rosa, DSA's director of finance. "To do that every night would be just too much work. There are thousands of quarters in that machine."

Charon offered to install a security alarm system to protect the machines at their expense, in exchange for its contract with the DSA being extended for two years.

The proposed security system would consist of at least one motion detector to monitor the Sanctuary on weekends. The alarm system would alert college security in case of an emergency, the representative said.

Gavin FitzPatrick, entertainment assistant, said he was concerned that college maintenance might set off the alarm accidentally.

Keys could be issued to college maintenance and any other personnel with business in the Sanctuary, after it is closed, the representative said.

FitzPatrick said the DSA must take up the matter with the college administration before any decision is made.

Mittelholtz said a temporary solution would be to close the Sanctuary early each day.

Mittelholtz said closing the Sanctuary all weekend and at about 5 p.m. weekdays is a regrettable but necessary, temporary measure to protect Chonar's machines.

"I realize that a lot of students are going to complain about this, but we really have no other options," Mittelholtz added.

In search of Conestoga's thong blond

By Jeannette Cantin

Conestoga College recently made it into the national spotlight. More specifically, it made it into the March 18 edition of Maclean's magazine. Not because of the quality of its programs or graduates, or its impressive budget cutting strategies.

Conestoga got into this national news publication because of a blond in a thong.

Maclean's columnist Allan Fotheringham spent his vacation at a Club Med in Cancun on the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. He used the experience to write his column of March 18. Commenting on his vacation, he described some of the people he came across.

One person of special note to Fotheringham was a "slim blond... wearing a thong." She never sat down, he said, causing the jocks by the pool to "go bananas." On the plane home "the blond in the thong gets tipsy," according to Fotheringham. At that time, he finds out the mysterious blond is "an innocent student at Conestoga College in rural Ontario."

The mention of the "Conestoga blond" in Maclean's has thrust a certain celebrity status on this unknown vacationer. The obvious question now is, who is the mysterious blond?

It's only fitting she be recognized for her contribution to Conestoga's public relations. And on a national scale, no less. So, if you were the blond in the thong, or you know who she is, drop by the Spoke office or give us a call. We'd love to talk to her about her trip... and maybe find out what kind of bathing suit Fotheringham prefers to lounge in.

OSAP BULLETIN

Attention Returning Students

If you received OSAP this year and are returning to school in September, you will be receiving a pre-printed short form OSAP application in the mail.

The short form is for your study period beginning SEPTEMBER, 1996.

The Ministry will be mailing your pre-printed application directly to you mid-March.

Review the information on your short form carefully. You will be asked to provide updated personal and income information.

If you have changed your program or your school; if your marital status has changed or will be changing, please come to the Financial Aid Office for assistance.

NOTE: If you have not received a pre-print by April 1996 and you are returning to school in September, you will be required to complete a new OSAP application form.

Correction

Chris Palubski's name was spelled incorrectly in the March 11 issue of Spoke.

OSAP NOTICE

Students who owe TUITION and DEFERRED payment of their tuition upon receipt of OSAP are requested to pickup their OSAP funds immediately.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Agreement with Northwood University set in motion

By Allison Dempsey

Conestoga business students learned they can participate in an articulation program with Michigan's Northwood University, at a presentation by Dan Toland, the university's director of admissions.

About 25 students attended the presentation March 14 to hear more about the three-year-old program which allows Conestoga business students to receive their business degree after attending Conestoga for two years, and Northwood for one year.

Northwood is situated in Midland, Mich., about four hours away from Kitchener. The university is "small and private" with a "heavy emphasis on entrepreneurship, capitalism, and business management courses almost exclusively," said Toland.

Conestoga is one of 15 Ontario colleges involved in an articulation agreement with Northwood.

The program started 16 years ago with Georgian College in Barrie. Students could complete three of their four years of automotive marketing at Georgian, attend

Northwood for one year and receive a degree instead of a diploma. Seneca and Centennial colleges in Toronto joined the program about six years ago, and while Northwood was establishing relationships with them, the program "snowballed," said Toland. "We were unaware of the market over here in Ontario."

Of the 1,500 students attending Northwood, 60 are diploma holders from Ontario involved in various three-year business programs.

There is a one-year residency, or 45 term-hour requirement to gradu-

ate from Northwood. The materials management course is longer at 57 hours, but with the help of the "mini-sessions" provided, a student can complete the course in one year.

By attending summer sessions, a student can also complete a program in five months instead of nine, but that can create some problems with a student visa.

New immigration laws say that international students who spend less than nine months at school in the U.S. cannot stay an additional 12 months in an employment ca-

capacity. So those students who take advantage of a shorter school term will not have their visas extended for a work term.

About \$5,000 in OSAP funds is available to assist in the estimated \$14,768 US school costs. Canadian students also receive a \$2,000 tuition deduction.

Ontario students are not permitted to work off-campus during their school terms, but are allowed to work on-campus. Not all students who want to work on campus can get a job, said Toland. But we'll do our best.

Student achievements acknowledged as 'superior' by CAPIC

By Tara Brown

Appreciation awards and membership certificates were given out Thursday, March 13, for student chapter members of the Canadian Association for Production and Inventory Control (CAPIC).

CAPIC boasts approximately 45 members among the student-run chapter in the college's materials management program.

The event was attended by student members, professional members and local businesses. J.M. Schneiders, Allan Bradley and Kaufman Footwear, were among the corporate sponsors.

Membership awards were given to 12 students with two students receiving special \$25 bursaries.

Rob Kartechner and Theresa Sharratt were commended by CAPIC president of the student

chapter Denise Maisonneuve for their dedication to the association—she acknowledged their achievements as "superior."

Kartechner's devoted efforts in both the student chapter and the parent chapter earned him an award, while Sharratt has been named next year's president of the student chapter.

CAPIC Ontario Grand Valley parent chapter president Brian Pattison thanked the students for their involvement.

Paul Knight, the materials management program co-ordinator, said the partnership between students and professionals was a mark in their favor.

"It's a model of how professional organizations can work with educational institutions. It's a collaborative effort."

Guest speaker, Elliot Currie from

the Laurier Institute at Wilfrid Laurier University, praised the student involvement in the parent chapter. He emphasized that collaboration rather than co-operation was the wave of the future. "Co-operation doesn't fly — especially in a world full of importers," he said.

He based his talk on the TQM principle: Total Quality Management with the end goal of customer satisfaction.

Currie told members it is important to have good communication more now than ever because "management is being farmed out to you folks."

"Look out for number 1," he said, "but consider the person on the other side of the table. If you don't show you at least care, they won't do business with you next year."

Maisonneuve said it was the best turnout they've had for some time.



President Denise Maisonneuve (centre) presents Theresa Sharratt and Rob Kartechner with \$25 bursaries for their achievements.

(Photo by Tara Brown)

Events scheduled to increase awareness

By Ewa Jankowiak

The special needs department at Conestoga College will be holding a Special Needs Awareness Week from March 26-28.

The special needs department, provides services to about 300 students per term.

The events begin with a comedy warm up at a nooner in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, March 26. Gord Paynter, a blind comedian from Brantford, will be performing his

show titled Leave'em Laffin.

On March 27, in the main cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the special needs department is planning to display special needs devices, resources materials and videos.

Additional events will include a wheelchair obstacle course and a blind mini-golf challenge, homemade craft and bake sale, 50/50 draw for a cherry-wood chest and sale of a cook book prepared by the special needs students and staff titled Tried, Tasted and True: Special

Recipes for You.

On March 28, community support agencies for the disabled and local companies will display their new devices for people with physical disabilities.

A scavenger hunt and Walk-a-Mile Challenge sponsored by the DSA will be held in the main cafeteria. The day will wrap-up with a reception to honor special needs award nominees and recipients, students, notetakers and test processors.



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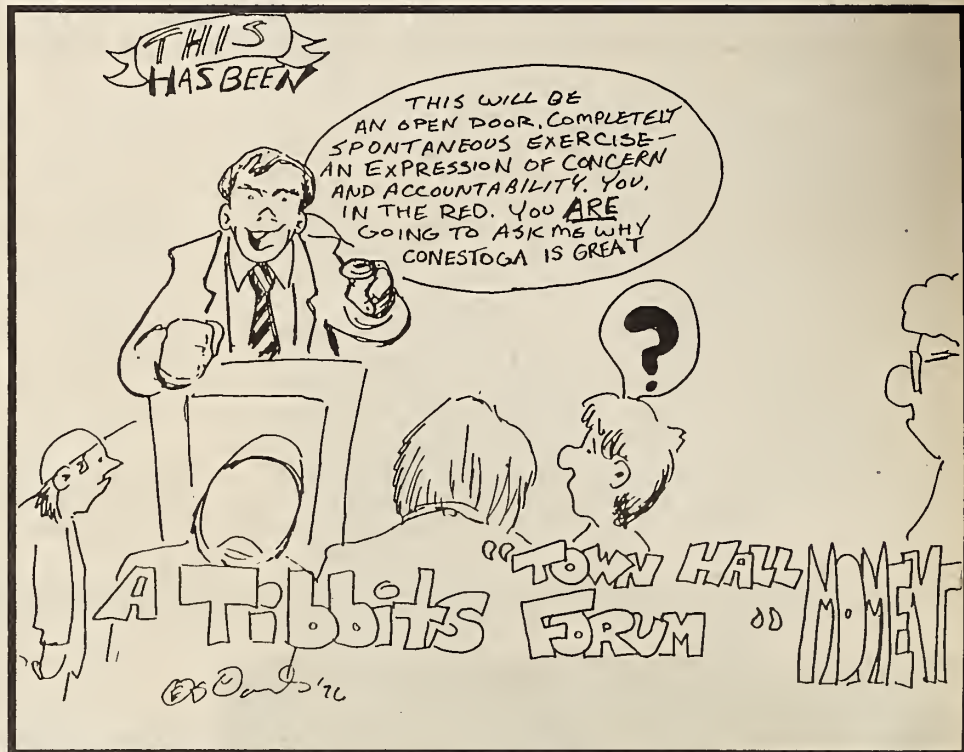
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Just a thought



By Amanda Weber

Student forum needs open question format

An historic event for Conestoga College took place last week when President John Tibbits announced he would be holding an open forum for students. The forum was designed so that students could question him on areas in which they were most concerned — funding cuts, alternative delivery of education, etc.

A small qualifier in the news release stated that students who wanted to ask questions were encouraged to presubmit them to the DSA office.

One can only assume the purpose was to give the president an opportunity to prepare his answers.

On the other hand, a cynic might be more suspicious. After all, if a question came up for which Tibbits wasn't prepared, he could always defer his answer without loss of face. No one expects him to know all aspects of the school's operations.

If, however, the design was to allow either himself or the public relations department of the college an opportunity to gloss over hard truths or develop a politically correct answering strategy, then the forum becomes merely an exercise in PR.

During past interviews, Tibbits has shown he has strong communication skills and possesses a wide range of knowledge. In less highly-structured circumstances, he is less polished.

There are times when the element of surprise can draw out information that might, with some reflection, be withheld for various reasons.

Even a misthought word might reveal the true beliefs of the speaker. Ex-premier Jacques Parizeau comes to mind. This is not to say that the goal of the students at the forum would be to trip Tibbits up, but lack of preparation for a certain sensitive question might reveal knowledge which would not have received approval from the college's spin doctor.

For whatever reason, the president has chosen to attempt to deal with student concerns on his own terms and, while he is to be applauded for this unusual initiative, the applause should be somewhat muted.

Next time, a no-holds-barred question-and-answer period or even a debate with other parties with differing views would be more beneficial.

Religious battles still exist

An issue that concerns me in today's society is discrimination. I'm referring to religious discrimination.

I was born, raised and am proud to say that I am still a member of the Catholic faith.

I had heard of people being persecuted because of their religion, but I had never experienced it first-hand because I had attended a Catholic school all of my life. I encountered it for the first time when I entered high school.

It wasn't an extreme case of persecution, but it was enough to open my eyes to the world. I was mortified at the idea that I could be thought of as different because of my faith. Before then I had been a naive girl, who thought that it could never happen to me because I grew up in a small community where things like that didn't happen.

I attended the local Catholic high school and quickly came to the realization that the public high school students did not look at us the same way we looked at them.

I heard the term "Bible thumpers" for the first time when I was in Grade 9. A student from the public school had used it when he was talking about my school.

To this day I have no idea where the terminology came from, but the nickname was referring to our religion.

Another phrase the public students used when talking about us was "the Dogans."

I couldn't figure out why they looked down on us because, aside from having to take a religion course every year at school, we were, and still are, the same as them.

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against people who aren't Catholic. In fact, many of my friends attended that public school and they used the nicknames too, but I just don't understand why.

I sometimes wonder if I take this too seriously. I wonder if I am blowing it all out of proportion. After all, my high school experience doesn't compare to that of Brendan Fraser's character in the movie *School Ties*.

He played a young man that hid his religion to get into a very prestigious school. Once there, he became the "big man on campus", but was turned on when it was discovered that he was Jewish.

I have never lost any friends or job opportunities because of my faith, but I have been teased because of my beliefs. I can't and won't change what I believe just so I can be accepted by people who don't understand them.

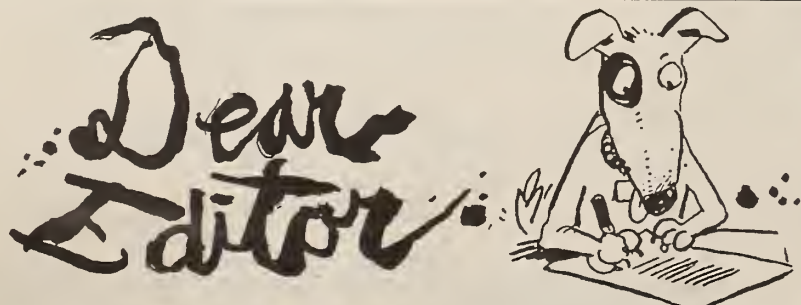
Now that I am in college, I look back on my high school years and see that they weren't filled with hate and persecution.

If anything, I look at it as a faith-building experience. Someone out there was trying to see if I was strong enough to keep my beliefs. I think I passed the test with flying colors.

Waiting for spring



Ian Challenger, a computer programmer analyst student, relaxes in the warm spring weather March 15 while waiting for his ride home.
(Photo by Amanda Steffler)



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TAKING SIDES

Will the reduction of teaching staff affect the quality of education?

Cuts have negative effects

By Barbara Walden



Mathematics has never been my favorite subject. It's one of the reasons I'm studying journalism-print instead of accounting.

But eliminating 20 per cent of the faculty at Conestoga next year is something I do understand. I have to think it will have a detrimental effect on what happens in our classrooms.

College president John Tibbits, interviewed on the local station's 6 p.m. news the other day, reassured the public that the quality of education at Conestoga will not suffer from the loss of 52 of our faculty members.

Tibbits was also quoted in this newspaper (Spoke) recently saying students will not be in larger classes next fall and teachers will not have an increased workload.

One is left wondering how the college will manage this feat when staff members who elected to take the buyout offer from the college will not be replaced.

However, he did mention during that news interview that Conestoga will be accepting about 100 fewer students next year.

There's that mathematics problem creeping up again. Let's see now, 100 fewer students and 52 fewer faculty...I guess that explains it.

We've been told one of the ways Conestoga plans to handle the staff reduction will be through an alternative curriculum delivery method. The learning is self-directed. The college plans to initiate this program in health sciences, computer literacy and student success courses.

I can't speak for health sciences, but I've completed both of the other two courses. If I had wanted to teach myself computer skills, I would've bought a copy of *DOS for Dummies* and saved about \$100 in course fees.

For anyone who has struggled through a computer course and just can't find an answer to a problem they are having, watching a videotaped instructor or searching through a book would become an exercise in frustration.

A good portion of the student-success course involves teacher-led group work. A person can only imagine what classes will be like if a student is chosen to lead the class in group discussions or, an even worse scenario, discussions are led by a video-taped instructor.

Many students register at Conestoga because it has reputation as a successful technology-oriented community college. They come here to receive "hands-on" learning from experienced instructors. Where will this come from in the future? More video tapes perhaps?

Tuition fees are expected to increase by 15 per cent next year.

Students deserve more for their money than just some empty reassurance that the quality of our education will not suffer when our teaching staff is reduced by 20 per cent.

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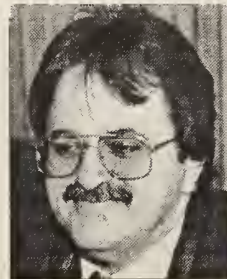


"It is going to affect class sizes, so obviously it's going to hurt."

Cheryl Bouchard
Second-year accounting

"I think if they cutback on faculty, they have no choice but to cut courses."

Harry Leyte
Office system administration



"We paid for this, and what are we getting? Tuition is going up and there are less teachers. That's ridiculous."

Cynthia Hawkins
First-year nursing

"It's going to be hard to learn what we need to learn without assistance from teachers."

Jessica Rellinger
First-year nursing



"If alternative delivery curriculum is implemented correctly, the quality of education may not be reduced substantially."

Nada Swan
DSA director of student life

"I think the quality will decrease somewhat, but not a great deal."

Jason Ecsedi
First-year accounting



Change can be a good thing



By Jeannette Cantin

Admittedly, running any operation with 20 per cent less staff is going to require significant change.

It is also true that change is uncomfortable and takes getting used to. It does not necessarily follow that because change is uncomfortable, it is undesirable.

Conestoga is losing 20 per cent of its teaching staff. This is unfortunate. When those 52 people walk out the door, a great deal of experience will leave with them.

This is a necessary evil, no matter how much grumbling accompanies the action.

Education has not been deemed a sacred cow by the Ontario government and therefore, must take its lumps along with the rest of the province. It must ensure services are offered in the most cost-effective, efficient manner.

Being forced to look at day-to-day operations under a microscope and carve away the excess is a painful, but necessary, operation that will result in greater health for Conestoga in the long run.

One of the biggest concerns is the implementation of alternative curriculum delivery.

It is being perceived as a system that forces students to sink or swim depending on their ability to comprehend a textbook on their own. This is an oversimplification by nay-sayers of a well-researched system already proven successful elsewhere.

Elective courses will do well with alternative delivery. Many university courses are similar in nature, with independent learning supplemented by seminars put on by other students.

True, the main distinction between college and university is the practical knowledge gained from instructors and plenty of hands-on learning.

It is reasonable to expect that courses will be carefully chosen as ones that lend themselves to a variety of teaching methods. Most importantly, the programs include support mechanisms. Students will not be left to their own devices.

Face it, there are some courses that are barely more than a bit of information stretched into a two- or three-hour lecture. It would be advantageous to have the pace of such courses personalized. For many students, effective time-management is crucial to juggling studies, work and family.

Of course, effective management of these alternative delivery methods and adequate assistance for staff will be crucial to the success of these innovative programs. Any new idea is only as good as its preparation and implementation. It is not a foregone conclusion that the quality must erode. With effective management, Conestoga will continue to offer quality education despite the sizable reduction in faculty.

YES

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CONESTOGA LIFE

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Job stats in Conestoga grads do well finding work

By Deborah Everest-Hill

Conestoga graphic arts and design students will likely be pleased with the 1994-95 graduate employment report which indicates that 91 per cent of its graduates found related employment.

Mary Wright, manager of the college's alumni, employment and co-op, said that while the graphic design program leads the way in finding a related job upon graduation, she is pleasantly surprised with the college's success overall.

Up eight per cent from last year's figures, of those graduates available for work, 90 per cent found

employment and 69 per cent found employment related to their program of study, she said.

The percentages indicated in the report are based on the response of graduates to a questionnaire during one of three reference weeks, six months after graduation, she said.

The report was prepared by student employment, alumni affairs and the co-op education offices.

This year's snapshot of employment is based on the response of 1,503 graduates who participated in the survey and, of those, Wright said, 1,180 were available for work.

The percentages indicated in the

report are based only on those students available for work.

Students in the school of access and preparatory studies achieved the highest overall employment rate, she said, with 100 per cent of graduates finding employment.

The school of health sciences and community services achieved the second highest employment rate at 92 per cent and a related employment rate of 76 per cent.

Wright said the social contract and economic climate has affected this school and many graduates have settled for a part-time position.

According to the report, the

school of technology and the school of trades and apprenticeship show an overall employment rate of 91 per cent. The related employment rate for both schools is about 70 per cent.

The report indicates 90 per cent of graduates from the school of applied arts found work and 58 per cent found it in a related area.

Wright said it is important for students in media fields to be entrepreneurial and flexible.

There are not many jobs out there, she said, and graduates need to consider work that may not be their first choice, but is still related to their ultimate career goals.

The school of business has the lowest employment rate, 88 per cent, with a related employment of 65 per cent. However, out of 341 business graduates available for employment, 205 found full-time employment and 17 took part-time positions.

Wright said the report is positive given the recent cutbacks. Since September 1995, 700 job orders have been placed with the college ranging from summer to contract and full-time positions, she said.

It is important for students to use the free services the resource centre provides and to start their job search early.

College faculty honor teaching excellence with annual award

By Linda Yovanovich

Each year college faculty honors one teacher at Conestoga recognizing "the outstanding contribution by, and/or leadership of, a faculty member related to the teaching-learning process."

This year the nominees for the Aubrey Hagar Distinguished Teaching Award are Bob Bamford, Arden Mertz, Peter Sheldon and Helen Watt.

The distinguished teaching award is named after Aubrey Hagar who was an administrator with Conestoga for 17 years.

According to a handout circulated among faculty members (after Hagar's retirement in 1986) faculty and union representatives "created the award in his name because he embodied the qualities that created excellence in the teaching-learning process."

Jane McDonald, professional development co-ordinator and chair of the award selection committee, said the annual award is given out each year to a teacher in the college who best meets the Hagar award selection criteria.

According to the criteria, the recipient of the award must exhibit competence in learning design, including the ability to assess learning needs, understand and employ college policies, and be highly regarded for excellence in managing the

teaching-learning process.

"It is not a student award, it's a faculty award," said McDonald. "The faculty selection committee makes the final decision."

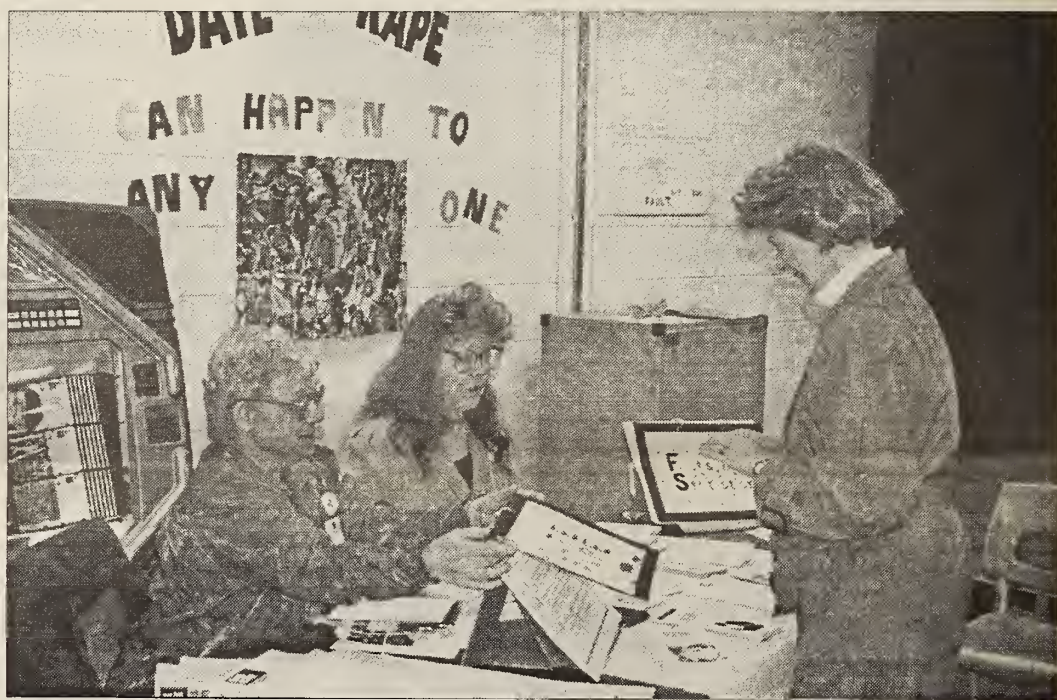
This selection committee, she added, is made up of faculty members who serve a two-year term. They represent all schools in the college. Some faculties, however, have two representatives, she said. This is because the past year's recipient is made a member of the committee. For example, last year's winner, Deb Stone-Zukowski, will serve as a committee member for this year and next.

Steve Finlay, a business instructor and selection committee member, said the award gives instructors recognition for their work. "I think what the award means is that your peers recognize you're doing something beyond the ordinary."

Finlay said he is concerned that students and other faculty members may not see it that way. While the school makes a big deal of the award at convocation, he said, it loses its special standing because it gets clumped together with other awards handed out at the ceremony.

Nevertheless, he said he believes those who have won the award respect it as the recognition and respect of peers.

The winner of the award will be chosen in April. The award will be presented at the college's June convocation.



Linda Spitzig (left) and Patricia Clark, third-year nursing students, discuss their date rape presentation for the Health Fair with nursing instructor Daphne Gatehouse in the Sanctuary, Thursday, March 14.

(Photo by Jason Romanko)

Health Fair booth tries to raise date rape awareness

By Judith Hemming

"It doesn't matter if you're young and pretty — anyone can get raped on a date," says Linda Spitzig, one of four sixth-semester nursing students who staffed an information booth on date rape at the Health Fair on March 14.

Spitzig said the ages of her group members range from 20s to 40s, which reflects that women of all ages are vulnerable date rape. Other members of her group are Katrina Clark, Tammy Martin and Michelle Godin.

The annual Health Fair is held by graduating nursing students. Groups of students researched topics and set up booths to answer questions and convey information about health issues.

Spitzig knows someone who has experienced date rape which is partly the reason she chose it as her topic for the fair.

"It's a difficult subject," Spitzig said. She said what she learned through her research was how

prevalent date rape is. According to the group's research, date rape is the most common form of rape, and the most frequent victims of date rape are 15-24 years old. Eighty-four per cent of those raped are acquainted with their attackers.

Clark said she chose to study date rape because it is an interesting topic and an issue that needs increased public awareness. What she had learned from her research was how long lasting the effects are. "Five or 10 years later, women are still affected by it. It's very damaging."

Martin said she was surprised to learn that most women are accosted by men they know.

She said she also learned that one in four female students surveyed have experienced rape or attempted rape. "I think everybody needs to know more about it."

Godin said she too was surprised by the prevalence of date rape. One in 12 male students sur-

veyed, she said, had committed acts that meet the legal definition of sexual assault.

Brad Sachs, a third-year marketing student visiting the booth, said, "It's an important issue. It (date rape) happens too often to innocent people."

Spitzig said it is important that women who have been assaulted remember not to shower or change their clothes before receiving medical attention as physical evidence is only good for 72 hours.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Sexual Assault Support Centre offers counselling and support throughout medical procedures, police investigations or court proceedings. Its 24-hour hot line is 741-8633.

The Sexual Assault Treatment centres at Cambridge Memorial and St. Mary's (Kitchener) hospitals offer medical assistance, crisis intervention and assessment.

Their 24-hour hot lines are 621-2330 for Cambridge Memorial and 749-6994 for St. Mary's.

It's a baby!



Congratulations to Jim and Barb Hagarty on the birth of their son March 13, 1996.

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Holding on to hockey history

Journalism teacher remembers the Forum

By Amanda Weber

The final game played in the legendary, 72-year-old Montreal Forum was Monday, March 11, 1996. It's a day that will go down in sports history.

"It's sad to see a landmark like that disappear," Dean Robinson said.

Robinson, a member of the Journalism-Print faculty at Conestoga College's Doon campus, has been a Canadien's fan since he was a child.

"When I was five or six years old, my brother and I received Canadien sweaters for Christmas.

"I'm not quite sure why we got them because our father was a Detroit Red Wings fan."

Robinson's first visit to the Forum took place in 1977.

He was then a graduate student, working on his master's degree at the University of Western Ontario in London. He described the visit as "amazing."

Robinson had planned to do a documentary on "the greatest hockey player of the first half of this century," former Montreal Canadien, Howie Morenz.

The project involved interviewing many famous hockey people to get information on Morenz.

Robinson spoke with Morenz's son, Howie Jr.; Canadien manager, Frank Selke Sr.; former player and coach, Toe Blake and sports writer

Andy O'Brien. He also spoke to players, King Clancy, Ace Bailey and Aurel Joliat.

Robinson's fascination with Morenz, along with the work he had done on the 32-minute documentary, prompted him to later write a book about the man who

grew up in the same Ontario town he did.

The book was published in 1982. As a university student hoping for a chance to get footage of the Canadiens practising before their game with the Boston Bruins, Robinson was offered another great

opportunity.

A Forum security guard — whom Robinson had asked permission to tape the pre-game skate — took him to an office where he placed a phone call to someone he thought might help.

The call was to Jean Beliveau.

Beliveau said he would see what he could do about getting Robinson into the pressbox that night for the game.

Just before the game, Robinson found out that (Toe) Blake, who had coached the Habs to five straight Stanley Cup wins, was going to be his host for the evening. "It was heaven-sent to be entrusted to Blake," Robinson said.

On another visit to the home of the Canadiens, Robinson was able to visit the broadcast booth from which Danny Gallivan had called hundreds of games during Hockey Night in Canada.

On that occasion, Robinson's host was color commentator Dick Irvin Jr., who had worked closely with Gallivan for years.

"I have quite a few happy memories," Robinson said.

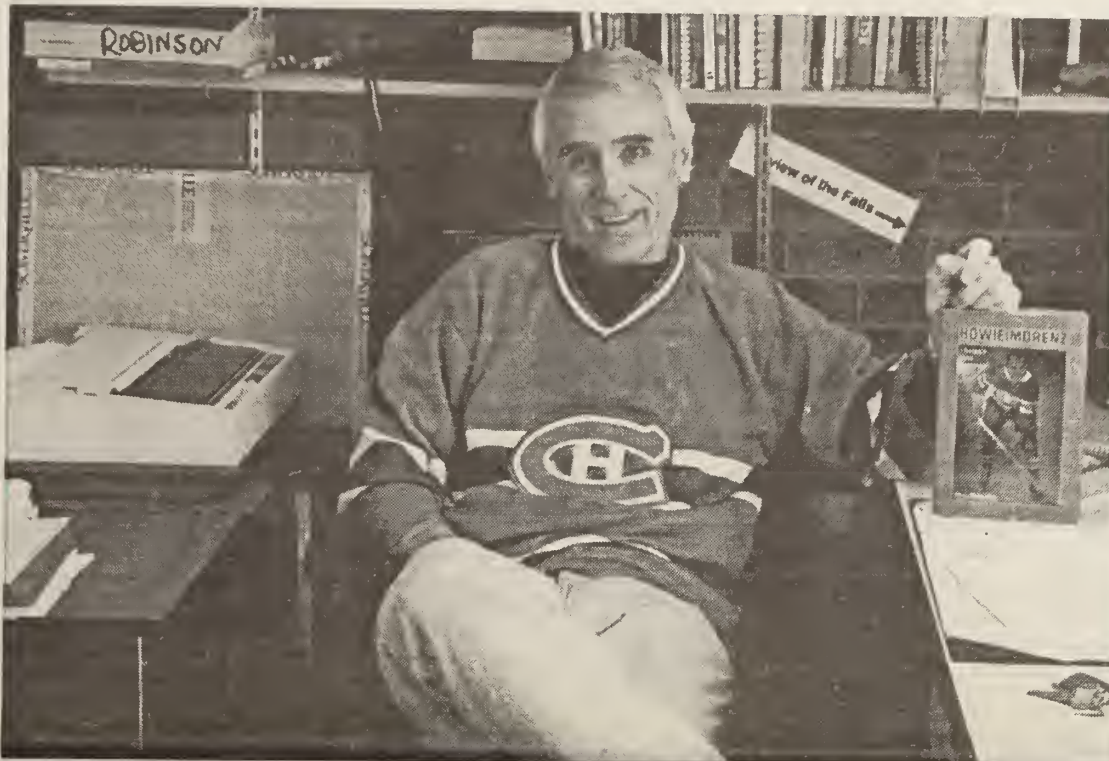
"The Forum meant a lot to the people of Quebec, but the memories will remain."

Robinson said he felt a tinge of sadness when he heard the announcement a couple of years ago that the Forum in Montreal would close.

"But in big-time, big-money hockey, there is nothing you can do about it."

As a reminder of the good times, Robinson actually bought the seat that he had occupied the last time he was at a game.

It cost him \$300 and he'll receive it sometime after May 1.



Dean Robinson, a life-long Habs fan, poses in his treasured Montreal Canadiens jersey. He's holding a book he wrote about former Canadien and fellow home-towner, Howie Morenz. (Photo by Amanda Weber)

Former minister, author speaks to religions class

By Barbara Walden

Students in Lee Bryant's world religions general education course spent class time on March 13 hearing a lecture on the origins of Christianity.

Grace Irwin, born in 1907, is a retired head of the department of classics at Humber College in Toronto.

She taught English, Greek and Latin there for 38 years.

As well, Irwin was a minister at a Congregational church in Toronto where she stayed for 12 years.

Irwin explained that Christianity is a belief that Jesus was God and becoming a Christian comes from knowledge and experience.

She said a person is not simply born a Christian.

She showed the class her Bibles and hymn books that trace the roots of her own family's Christian beliefs.

She said the Bible consists of two parts; the Old and New Testaments.

The Old Testament is a covenant or deal made between God and the descendants of Abraham.

She called the four books in the New Testament, which are believed to have been written about AD 70 by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, a chronicle, or biography, of Jesus's life.

Irwin pointed out to the students where events she talked about took place on the

two maps she brought of the Holy Land and the ancient world.

There are three vital facts, Irwin said, that form the basis for belief in Christianity.

The most important is the belief that the tomb Jesus was laid in after his death was found empty three days later.

The others are beliefs in his ascension into heaven and that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus's followers during the feast of the Pentecost.

Christianity spread, she said, because people had become tired of worshipping pagan gods and statues of emperors.

As well as a former educator, Irwin has written seven books.

Her book, *Three Lives of Mine*, is an autobiography which focuses on the three most influential men in her life: her father, her brother and her minister.

She wrote two biographies, one of the 7th Earl of Shaftesbury and the other on John Newton, a former slave trader who became a Christian and then helped to abolish slavery.

Irwin's other books are religious novels.

Bryant said in addition to Christianity, the world religions class discusses various other religions including Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, many varieties of Buddhism, and Sikhism.

She said likes to bring in speakers when she ever can and that recently the world religions class heard from an Islamic follower.

Yearly motorcycle course all set to begin at Doon

By T.L. Huffman

Conestoga College's Doon campus is offering a motorcycle driver's licence course aimed at teaching individuals to learn to ride motorcycles safely, said the director of managerial and professional programs.

The course, which has been offered in years past, is a full weekend with start dates beginning March 29.

"The course is offered most weekends up until the end of October," said David Stewart. The class for the first weekend is already full.

Enrolment for the course is a maximum of 25 with an instructor-student ratio of one to five.

Stewart said the course is recognized by the Canada Safety Council Motorcycle Training Program and is much similar to other motorcycle courses offered elsewhere.

Students will receive 22 hours of instruction in motorcycle driving, safety and maintenance.

Instruction takes place in classrooms in the woodworking building and the practical component of the course occurs in parking lots three, four and five, Stewart said.

A number of topics are taught in the course.

They include: balancing the bike, emergency breaking, gear selection, signalling, over-the-shoulder checks, breaking, traf-

fic behavior, safety tips, collision avoidance and survival tips for hazardous situations, said Stewart.

Upon successful completion of the course, students are tested on the final day for a Class M2 licence.

Although the male-female ratio is not known, Stewart said the distribution is not equal.

However, he did say a number of females do participate in the course.

As in past years, Stewart said he expects about 400 students to take part in the course this year.

About 18 instructors teach the motorcycle course throughout the year at Doon campus.

Classes run Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Motorcycles are provided by the college for the course and classes will run rain or shine.

Students interested in registering for the course should do so by filling out an application and sending it to the registrar's office.

Applications can be found in the continuing education booklet which can be picked up at the registrar's office.

They can also be found at the information centre in the main building.

Applications can be delivered in person, mailed or faxed to 895-1085. The cost of the course is \$284.37.

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Health Fair was a success

By Amanda Steffler

This year's annual Health Fair, hosted by semester six nursing students at Conestoga College's Doon campus, was a smashing success.

The Health Fair was held on March 14 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A number of tables were set up around the school that provided a variety of information about different health issues. Some of the topics presented were heart disease, illegal drugs, alcohol abuse and date rape.

A large amount of work was put into a number of the displays. The homeopathic remedies table, which was set up inside Door 3 near the bus stop, had five students who were behind the table explaining the use and results of the remedies on display. Samples of food, drinks and creams were available for onlookers to taste, touch and smell.

Pamphlets, stickers and buttons were spread on many of the display

tables for onlookers to take. The students at the STD table were handing out colored condoms and the students at the smoking awareness table were handing out "smoking stinks" buttons.

Popcorn and drinks were free as well as low-fat brownies, which were served at the heart disease table.

Throughout the day students from each table took a break from their display to walk around the school to see the displays made by their classmates.

The steering committee, made up of five nursing students, went around the school observing each group of students and their tables. The committee picked a winner of the health fair based on the effort of the students and the amount of participants interested in their health-related topic.

A \$50 gift certificate for East Side Marios was given to the relaxation and stress group for their display in

Room 1C15.

The display included a number of tables covered with books about therapeutic touch and other related subjects, tapes and CDs, incense, crafts, and a portable stereo playing relaxing music.

Posters were on the walls and in one corner of the room Lisa Camacho, a nursing student at the Guelph campus, performed therapeutic touch techniques on students and faculty.

Students were lining up to lay down on the padded bed and tube-like pillow to experience her methods of therapeutic touch which involved the placement of crystals on their bodies and the cleansing of their bio-magnetic fields.

The members of the steering committee said they were impressed with the high-calibre displays. They said everything ran smoothly and they were pleased with the amount of work that was put into the displays.



Nursing students Carol Alfred (left), Joanne Graves and Stacy Hotchkiss present samples of food during the Health Fair.

(Photo by Ewa Jankowiak)

Nutritious diet includes a morning meal

By Janet White

Even in the busy life of a student, breakfast is still the most important meal of the day, according to Marilyn Fischer, Conestoga's senior nurse and resident expert on health and nutrition. And, she thinks National Nutrition Month (in March) is the perfect time to start eating a nutritious breakfast.

Fischer said many students forgo the first meal of the day for a variety of reasons, one of which being a fear of gaining weight. She said when the focus is continually on weight, it's easy to forget about nutrition.

Fischer said the theory behind the importance of breakfast is that the seven-or eight-hour period spent sleeping is longest period of time

that the body has not had nourishment.

After such a stretch without food, the body needs nourishment for the brain to function properly.

Generally, Fischer said, the morning meal should be made up of a fruit or fruit juice, a carbohydrate, and a protein.

This means toast with peanut butter and an orange is a nutritionally

balanced breakfast, as is cereal with milk, and a banana.

Fischer said having only fruit in the morning is better than having nothing, but that it won't provide much energy.

Ryan Blake, a first-year robotics student, never has time to eat breakfast. He said he feels the effects by mid-morning. Blake said by about 10 a.m., he has no energy.

Sherry Mohr, a second-year law and security student, said she has no time to eat breakfast, but that she is really hungry by noon.

For students on the run, cereal bars are a fast, portable breakfast

option. Fischer said most cereal bars provide enough energy and nutrients to be eaten for breakfast.

But some students do make time for breakfast.

Dean Bauer, a robotics student, said he would never skip breakfast. "It's my biggest meal of the day, it's important."

Fischer said eating something in the morning is especially important for those taking medication. "If students come into the (health) office to get medication on an empty stomach, I advise them to get something to eat first. That could be really dangerous."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Rocky racoon wakes up



A lonely and scared racoon sits behind a tree as a passerby looks on. Jamie Laflamme, not shown, from the Humane Society, said the racoon was harmless and probably just a little dozey from hibernating all winter.

(Photo by Linda Yovanovitch)

Blind comic to perform at Doon

By Amy Wroblewski

Most people would think that blindness is the worst thing that could ever happen to them. But for comedian Gord Paynter, losing his sight enabled him to find an opportunity to get a new lease on life.

Today, Paynter is leaving 'em laughin' all across Canada. He keeps a busy schedule through his comedy circuit which frequently includes appearances at Yuk-Yuk's comedy cabaret.

Paynter will be kicking-off Special Needs Awareness Week on March 26, with Leave 'Em Laffin, in the Sanctuary. The attraction is a result of a collaboration between the DSA and the college's special needs office.

Paynter has performed Leave 'em Laffin, a motivational show-lecture, over 1,000 times. He draws from his own life story and tells how he overcame blindness to fulfil

his dream of becoming a professional comic.

During an interview with Disability Today, from the summer 1991 issue, Paynter said he feels comedy is a fantastic educational tool because most people are having so much fun, they don't realize they are learning. He said he's on top of the world and owes it all to his blindness because it has opened up so many opportunities for him.

But Paynter wasn't always optimistic.

A diabetic since birth, he repeatedly ignored warnings that he would lose his sight if he didn't follow a strict diet. Those warnings became reality in 1978.

When he was 22-years-old, the retinas in his eyes became detached while he was touring Europe. Paynter said he became depressed and hateful. Regardless, his friends and family stuck by him and he gained a new outlook on life.

It was three years after losing his sight before the Brantford native gained enough confidence to step in front of a microphone again. He entered and came in second at a So You Think You're Funny contest held at a London tavern. He went on to perform at Yuk-Yuk's. Owner Mark Breslin was so impressed he hired Paynter after one show.

Paynter has also been featured on prominent television shows such as Montreal's Just for Laughs comedy festival and The Late Show from Los Angeles.

Quantity and quality DSA looks high and low

By Jennifer Broomhead

Gavin FitzPatrick says the DSA has tried to balance quantity and quality when booking acts for nooners this year.

FitzPatrick, an entertainment assistant hired by the DSA, said there is a budget set aside to provide both on- and off-campus entertainment.

"My job is to get that entertainment and make the show happen."

FitzPatrick said this year he and Steve Geerts, DSA director of entertainment, have tried for an even balance between comedy and music. FitzPatrick usually takes care of the music and Geerts does the comedy, although the lines tend to blur depending on what's convenient.

Getting a feel for what people want to see is important, said FitzPatrick.

"Obviously we can't do a formal survey or anything, so we just sort of try and gauge what people are listening to. You get an idea of what's going on around town and what's working for other people."

The DSA is a member of COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities), an organization of entertainment buyers from other colleges and universities.

Communicating with programmers from other schools also helps him figure out what students want to see. COCA holds entertainment showcases for its members in November and May, FitzPatrick said.

"Basically, you go there and over a four- or five-day period there are tons and tons of acts."

It was at one of these showcases that FitzPatrick booked Shang, a comedian from Los Angeles who appeared in the Sanctuary, March 6.

"Almost without exception, all of the comedians we've had, either Steve or I have seen them before." As for the music, FitzPatrick said he books a lot of local acts, because he is trying to use the budget to provide constant entertainment, and because he is fairly active in the local music scene.

"There's a lot of high quality music in K-W right now," he said. Once he and Geerts decide on what shows they want to bring in, the negotiations begin. "We'll contact their agent, negotiate a price and figure out a date that's mutually agreeable."

FitzPatrick said there are also negotiations with the college, depending on what type of show is planned. If a show is to be held outside of the lounge he has to check with physical resources for permission.

FitzPatrick said seeing a show work is the thing he likes best about his job. Shang's show was a good example of that. "Shang was having a good time, all the people were having a good time, it worked. That's the best part."

The DSA has at least two more free nooners planned for this term.

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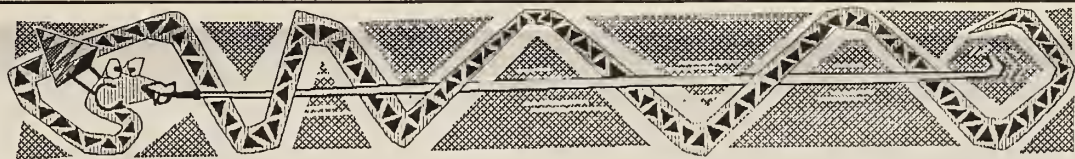
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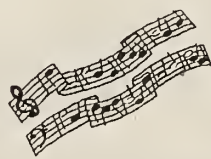
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ENTERTAINMENT

Italian author's latest book a 'sensual read'

By Tara Brown

The Island of the Day Before, Italian author Umberto Eco's latest novel, is an exciting, if somewhat involved, read of shipwrecks and fantasy.

The author of *The Name of the Rose* and *Foucault's Pendulum* has provided another interesting story wrapped in the Renaissance tones of the setting.

Translated from the original Italian by William Weaver, *The Island of the Day Before* is set in the year 1643. Roberto della Griva, a minor French nobleman, is swept off the decks of the Amaryllis and finds himself marooned on the abandoned Daphne anchored in a cove of a beautiful island.

The ship is fully provisioned and everything seems in order, but the ship is totally and completely without human habitation.

Roberto is unable to swim to shore because of a deep and abiding fear of daylight and his own physical weakness.

He is forced to make do as best he can in the hold of the Daphne.

Eco makes much use of time lapse and flash backs. As the hapless Roberto explores the various compartments under the Daphne's decks, the reader is taken to various incidents in the young man's life; the death of his father, his successful presentation in the fashionable salons of France, love letters, blasphemy and finally the summons of the formidable Cardinal Mazarin.

The description used by Eco is truly reminiscent of the era in which the book is set. Reading the text is very much like looking at a master work of art; the more you look, the more you see.

Eco's involved sentences do make the book a little tiring at times, but once the reader is able to insert himself in the rhythm and flow of the language, the book is overwhelming. This is due, in part, to the superior translation provided by Weaver.

The tone is medieval and gothic providing many layers

of sound, taste and sight and the reader may find that he feels as though he were drowning; there is simply too much to pay attention to.

As readers of *The Name of the Rose* know, attention must be paid to the small details Eco scatters throughout the book. Be wary of not seeing the entire picture for all the detail.

The Island of the Day Before is not light reading. It will not do as a bed time story, it requires the reader's full attention and co-operation to be successful. As I read it, I found that if my concentration wandered, I would have to start all over in order to maintain an understanding of the plot and movement of the various characters.

Billed as a "romance of navigation and science", readers of past Eco books will not be disappointed. *The Island of the Day Before* is a lush and sensual read that will have you curled up like a cat in no time paying zero attention to a supper left to burn on the stove.

Rise and walk

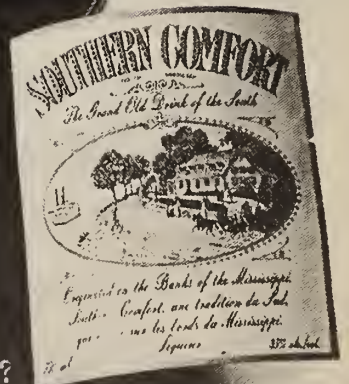


Lisa Camacho, a third year nursing student, cleanses Amanda Steffler's bio-magnetic field during a therapeutic touch session. The session was part of the Health Fair on March 14. (Photo by Linda Yovanovich)

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SPORTS

The dream is over,
but life continues

By Diane Santos

As a child growing up in Sudbury Rob Thibeault said he had visions of eventually playing for the Montreal Canadiens, skating around the Montreal Forum and holding the Stanley Cup high. But at the age of 24, Thibeault has given up his dreams and aspirations of becoming one of the NHL's finest.

Thibeault's goals became only a dream when he was 18. He went to Bracebridge to play in the Metro Toronto Hockey League with the Muskoka Bears. After one month, he got cut from the team and realized he was meant to enjoy the sport and only play recreational hockey.

In an interview, Thibeault said his father has a large influence on him.

"He wanted me to skate before I could even walk. My dad built an outdoor skating ring on a pond and coached me until peewee."

Thibeault, who wears number 33, is in his third season with the Condors. Until this year he played forward, but with the change in coaching, his position changed to defence.

"I find that playing defence has changed my game for the better. I use more of my natural talents and abilities such as passing and being able to see the open man. I'm not a good skater and I don't like to take the body," said Thibeault.

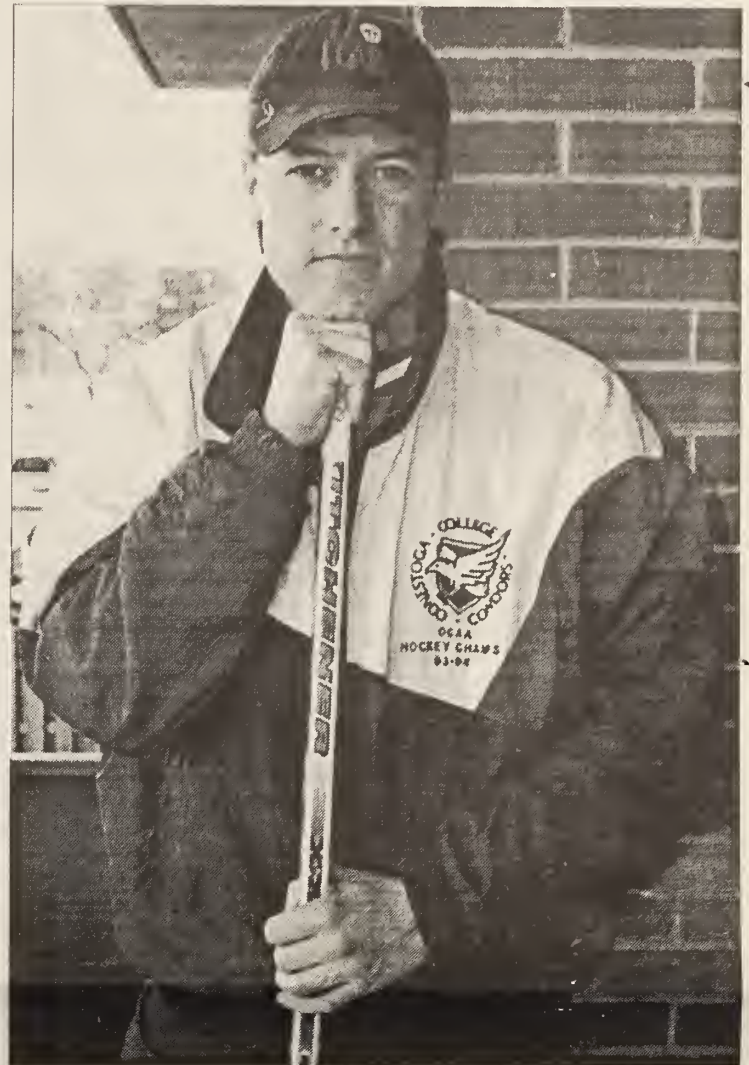
After playing forward for 19 years, Thibeault said he is more at home playing defence. He believes the change comes from loving the game again.

"Coach Martindale is a great motivator, he's put the fire back into the game."

Thibeault credits his improvement to both Martindale and the rest of the team.

He said he believes there is a team closeness and this season will be the one to remember.

Thibeault said the Condors won't have any problem getting to the Canadian hockey finals which will take place March 27-30 at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.



Condors defenceman, Rob Thibeault, is not riding so high after the bitter defeat suffered at the OCAA championships held at Conestoga's recreation centre on March 15-16. (Photo by Jason Romanko)

"It's been our goal since the season began. We've got the confidence and we will win. If we don't, it will just feel like a wasted season," said Thibeault.

Thibeault said that when all is said

and done he just wants to continue playing recreational hockey and, maybe play the occasional industrial game on Sunday nights, hang out with the boys and have a couple beers.

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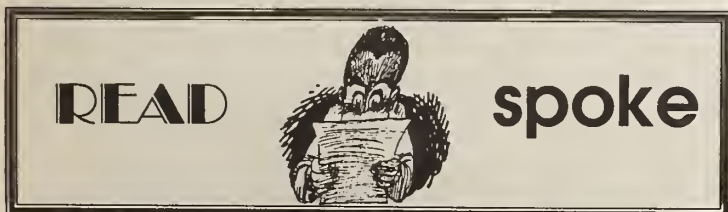
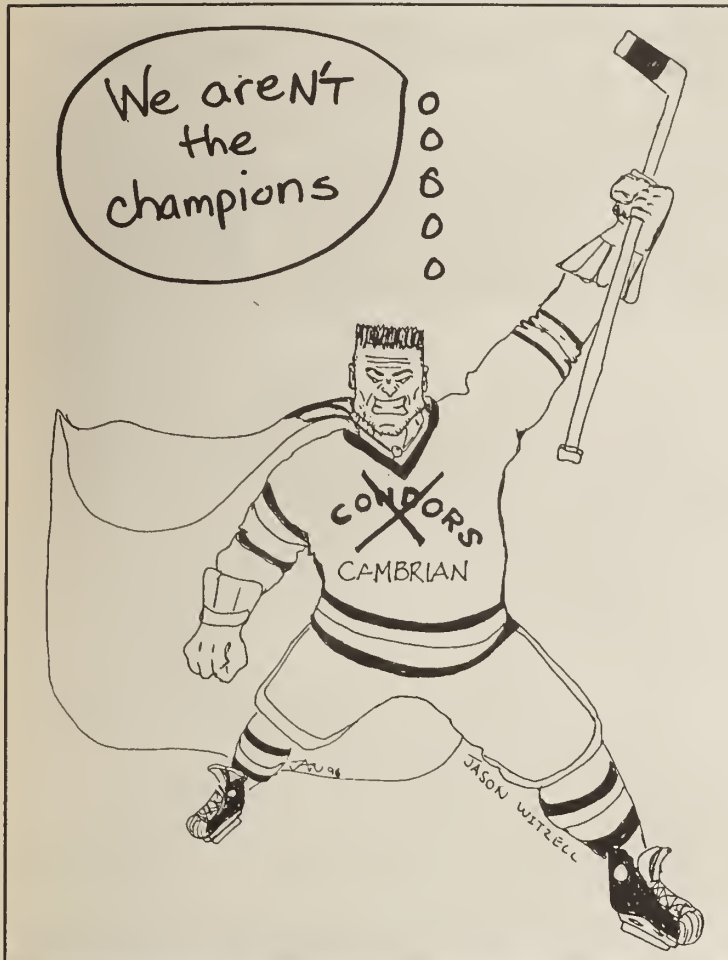
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OCAA hockey
all-stars named

By Diane Santos

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association announced its first and second all-star teams prior to the OCAA finals on March 15. Although only one player from the Condors was named to each team, the Condors took the three individual awards.

The leading scorer award went to Evan Anderson from the Condors. The goaltender award went to Rob Taylor, Devon Steubing and Chris Marschall from the Condors, and the coach of the year was Tony Martindale from the Condors.

The first all-star team consists of forwards Anderson from the Condors, Ryan Haines from the Sault Cougars and Troy Caley from the Golden Shield. The goalie is Matt Walker from the Cougars and defencemen Terry Kutshke from the Golden Shield and Garry Montgomery from the Fleming Knights.

The second all-star team announced was forward Brian Park from the Condors, goalie Chad Ford from the Golden Shield and defencemen Mike Vial from the Golden Shield and Damon Greenway from the Knights. The forwards are Chad Miller from the Knights and Tom Jack from the Seneca Braves.

The all-star team announced after the final game in the OCAA playoffs consisted of goalie Ford from the Golden Shield, defencemen Kutshke and Vial from the

Golden Shield and forwards Jack from the Braves, Park from the Condors and Tadam Neuman from the Knights.

The OCAA final standings are the Cambrian Golden Shield who took the gold, the Seneca Braves who took the silver and the Fleming Knights who took the bronze.

The fairplay award went to Steve Banton from the Braves and Les McGregor from the Golden Shield.

Bob McAskill of the Cambrian Golden Shield was given most valuable player of the tournament and will receive a ring from Jostens.

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Condors choke under weight of expectation

By Diane Santos

The first-place Conestoga Condors suffered a stunning loss to the fourth-place Seneca Braves on March 15 at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre where they battled in the OCAA playoffs to become gold medal contenders.

Brent Cullaton, who had 22 points in six games, was told by tournament officials that he was ineligible to play in the finals. The Cambrian coach contested Cullaton's eligibility because of a clause regarding transfer students in the OCAA constitution. The clause states that anyone who transfers from one post-secondary institution to another cannot play the sport which they played during that season at the previous institution. As of now there have been no decisions made regarding appeals.

The Condors were put off by the luck and quickness of the Braves in a 6-5 overtime loss which sent them to the bronze medal playoffs.

Joel Washkurak assisted by Evan Anderson began the Condors scoring 30 seconds into the first period. The Condors managed one more goal by Dwayne Krof who was assisted by Chris Palubski before the Braves came back fighting. At 7:44 the Braves Owen Davis scored through the five-hole. The Braves put one more over goalie Rob Taylor and tied the game going into the second.

The second period became a battlefield on ice when the Braves Owen Davis was checked into the boards near his net.

A 20-minute delay ensued as Davis was placed on a stretcher and waited for an ambulance to transport him to Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

As the beginning of the second period lingered, Jason Wadel slapped one into the net at 7:59 and the Braves retaliated 10 seconds later.

At 5:28, Anderson, with the help of Washkurak, and Palubski, tipped one into the net. The Braves Brian Durand scored 15 seconds later to tie the game.

With Chris Marshall now in net, the Braves scored with only seven seconds remaining, giving them the lead going into the third period.

The Condors came back fighting. Graig Elliot, assisted by Brian Park, tied the game at five. Marshall worked the third period like a pro; with a high slapshot he jumped up reaching for the puck, only to be confronted by a Brave aiming to shoot again. Marshall's ability gave him a shutout in the third period. But he was unable to stop the Braves Steve Banton in overtime.

The loss pitted the Condors against the Sir Sanford Fleming Knights in the bronze medal round at noon on March 16.

The Knights were beaten by the



Condors goalie Rob Taylor makes a sprawling save as Seneca's captain Tom Jack looks for a rebound. Condors Dale Henry and Graig "Jumbo" Elliot are in hot pursuit. (Photo by Jason Witzell)

Cambrian Golden Shield 7-3 on March 15.

The Knights came out fighting when they scored 25 seconds into the first period. Proving they were ready to battle the Condors, they backed up their first goal at 12:22. With the help of Jason Wadel, Wade Gowers finally managed to get one past the Knights goalie with only five minutes to spare.

The second period belonged solely to the Knights when they scored on a powerplay. During the third period the Knights scored again and then the Condors managed one more goal by Elliot, assisted by Wadel and Gowers.

With one minute and 14 seconds left, coach Martindale pulled out goalie Devon Steubing to add an extra man.

With only seven seconds left, the Knights Chad Mullen took a slapshot from the red line and scored giving the Knights a 5-3 win and putting the Condors in last place in the tournament.

Martindale said in an interview after the game that there were no excuses for the loss.

"A hockey game is just a game. You show up, you play and you see what happens. Some of the guys gave it their all, some didn't, but there aren't any excuses. I feel for the guys who gave the game everything they could."

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Conestoga was host to a Futsal Tournament on Saturday, March 16. A player from Cumberland collides with the goalie from Corunna. (Photo by Diane Santos)



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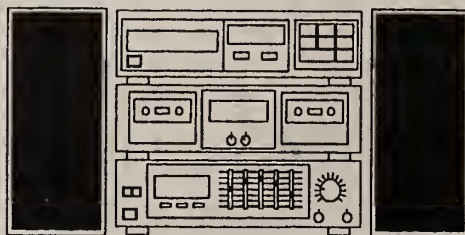
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